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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

This paper is responsive to the Restriction Requirement mailed from the Patent Office on July 23, 2007. Applicants believe that no fees are required. However, please consider this a conditional petition for extension of time and authorization to charge attorney deposit account number 07-1700, reference no. CMC-009, for any fees, if required, for this paper to be entered and considered.

Restriction Election

The Office has required Applicants, pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 121, to elect a single invention for prosecution on the merits from the inventions the Office identifies as ***Groups I-IV***.

Applicants hereby elect, with traverse, the invention of ***Group II***, namely the subject matter defined by claims 1-6, 11-14, and 21-24 (in part), for further examination. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of this restriction requirement as applied to Groups I, III, and IV, insofar as a search for publications relating to the claims of Group II should reveal publications relating to the other Groups and, thus, would not impose a serious burden on the Examiner. Applicants believe that claims 1-6, 11-14, and 21 -24 (in part) read on the elected Group.

The Applicants expressly reserve the right to prosecute groups, and corresponding claims, not elected herein in other patent applications claiming the benefit of the filing date of this application.

CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully request that the application now proceed promptly to examination. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned with any questions about this paper. Early favorable action is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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